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DATED 30-4-1932

[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council Question —
Admission of two Congress
Volunteers as in-patients into
Wendouree Hospital, Ballarat

Q.No.1038
17.3.32

Starred Question. Council Office,
3-3-1932.

M.B.C. CHANDRAN BHAT.

THE LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.

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(1317) Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state:-

(a) With reference to the answer to Question No.951 whether the detailed report called for has been received;

(b) whether the hon. the Minister will be pleased to place a copy of the same as well as the accident register on the table of the House?

Answer.

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

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Admission of two Congress volunteers as in-patients into the Wenlock Hospital, Mangalore.

1039 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) with reference to the answer to question No. 951 whether the detailed report called for has been received; and

(*b*) whether the hon. the Minister will be pleased to place a copy of the same as well as the accident register on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" May I know, Sir, whether the report has since been received? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" Yes, Sir. The Surgeon-General has reported on the matter. With regard to clause (*a*), he says that ' two Congress volunteers were admitted into the Wenlock Hospital, Mangalore, on the 3rd and three on the 10th February 1932.'

" With regard to clause (*b*), he states ' Anti-tetanic serum injection was given to one of them on the 10th February 1932. It was given as a preventive against the possible development of tetanus later on as is usually done for abrasions with road dust on them.'.

" With regard to clause (*c*), he says ' The injuries were noted in the Accident Register.'

" With regard to clause (*d*), he says: ' It is reported by the Superintendent, Government Headquarters Hospital, Mangalore, that the injuries on the volunteers were not of a serious nature and that their condition on admission into the hospital was not bad. The two volunteers admitted on 3rd February 1932 were discharged on 7th February 1932. Of the three admitted on the 10th February 1932, two were discharged on 13th February 1932 and one on 14th February 1932.' "

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" May I know whether the hon. Minister will be pleased to place copies of the accident register on the table of the House, Sir? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" According to the Civil Medical Code, accident registers are confidential extracts from which can be given only on application by a Police officer not below the rank of a Sub-Inspector of Police. So, I am sorry that it is not possible for me to comply with the hon. Member's request."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" May I know, Sir, whether it is not a fact that the accident register in this case shows that countless and innumerable injuries have been inflicted on the person of these volunteers? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"I have given the information received by me from the Surgeon-General."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know, Sir, whether the hon. the Chief Minister considers that these accident registers are confidential even to this House?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"Yes, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"In view of the fact that even according to the report of the Surgeon-General some of the volunteers who were admitted into the hospital on the 3rd of last month were released, some on the 7th and some on the 13th and some on the 14th, does the hon. Minister think that the injuries were simple and that they were not bad?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"It is a matter of opinion. The Superintendent of the hospital considers that the injuries were not serious."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Then, why were they kept for such a long time if the injury was not serious?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"That is a matter for the patient. Probably the patient preferred to stay in the hospital rather than go home."

Mr. YAKUB HASAN:—"May I know, Sir, whether the hon. Minister has got the extract from the accident register in his possession now?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"The Surgeon-General sent a copy of the extract from the accident register."

Mr. YAKUB HASAN:—"Will the hon. Minister kindly read it out to the House?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"I cannot do it."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"May I know, Sir, the section of the Civil Medical Code that prohibits the publication of this information?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"That is paragraph 769 of the Civil Medical Code, which says 'accident register is a confidential record; extracts will only be furnished on application made by a Police officer not below the rank of a Sub-Inspector of Police'."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—"Does this rule apply to this House also?"

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"If it is a confidential thing, may I know how it has been sent to the hon. the Chief Minister?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAIDU:—"It is sent to the Government as a confidential document."

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Law Dept. III-8—3,000—30-7-29.

QUESTION.—No. 317 for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 9. 3. 1932 at 11

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the L. S. G. Department.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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The Question has been admitted.

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The report called for from the S.G. in the bottom (memo. No 7201-2 D2 OM., dt 22. 2. 32) linked file with reference to the Qu. No 951(1267) has not yet been received. ~~A draft answer is submitted for approval.~~ He has been reminded today (9. 3. 32)

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~~Memo No.~~ to Qn. No. 1039 (1317).

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The answer has been included in the agenda for the 17th instant. The S.S. report referred to in clause (a) has been received today - vide pp. 5-9 of the linked file. The Hon'ble Member may, if necessary, read out the S.S. report in the Council tomorrow when question ~~No.~~ No. 1039 (1317) comes up. 2. ~~Clauses (c) & (d) of Qn. No. 951 (1267).~~ The accident register is confidential. The extract from the register given on pp. 7-9 of the linked file cannot therefore be read out in the Council. Clause (d) of the question relates to details of the injuries & the information seems to be cognate to entries in the accident register which are confidential. The S.S.'s reply to clause (d) need not therefore be given out in the Council. Attention is, in this connection, invited to D.O. No. 8850-1 D2 O.H., dt. 12.3.32, to [illegible] 16.3.32. Mr. W.C.S. Obhat.

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There does not appear to be any special objection to sending out the answers to clauses (c) & (d) duly omitting the portions within brackets.

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I would suggest that in reply ~~[illegible]~~ H.M. might read out answers to (a) (b) and (d) as furnished by the S.G. and in regard to (c) H.M. might say that the injuries were noted in the Accident Register and that the latter being a confidential document a copy cannot be laid on the table.

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17). 2-3 ante A printed copy of the question and answer has been added to the file. The supplemental questions and answers do not call for any action. The papers may be

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